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## The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 2,000 of the 4,053 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent of the people. In Windham it is delivered to over 900 houses. In Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

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### CIRCULATION

1901, average	4,412
1902, average	5,920
1903, average	6,559
1904, average	7,179
1905, average	7,543
June 5, 1909	7,600

### MILLIONS GO UP IN SMOKE.

These were four fires in this state in May which exceeded \$10,000; and the fire loss in this country and Canada, according to the record kept by the New York Journal of Commerce, was over two millions greater than in May, 1908. A comparison shows that in May, 1909, the estimated loss by fire of the two countries was \$16,286,300; in the May of 1908 it was \$15,181,150; last month it was \$17,340,400.

Ninety-six of last month's fires ranged in destructiveness from \$10,000 to \$20,000; forty-seven from \$20,000 to \$30,000; forty-one from \$30,000 to \$50,000; thirty-eight from \$50,000 to \$100,000; fourteen from \$100,000 to \$200,000; three from \$200,000 to \$500,000; and eleven from \$500,000 up. The four Connecticut fires in the list were the Stamford chewing-gum factory fire, \$70,000; New Haven's hay and lumber storage sheds fire, \$50,000; New Haven's clothing store fire, \$12,000; and Hartford's mattress factory fire, \$12,000.

The largest fire of the month was at Port Costa, Cal., where a million dollars' worth of property was destroyed along the docks. There were half-million fires also in Ohio and California.

There were the usual number of public buildings burned in different parts of the country.

### RE-ENACTING MOVING PICTURE SCENES.

Too many of the moving pictures are of a character to harm rather than benefit children; and it is not surprising that children in play do fatal work after becoming familiar with the details of the picture show.

As the result of an attempt on the part of youthful playmates to reenact a hanging scene witnessed in a moving picture show, Gerard Williams, six years old, lies at the point of death at Atlanta, Ga. Gerard and his brother, two years older, were playing in their grandmother's yard with one of their little neighbors, when the attempt to carry out the hanging scene was made. Gerard, being the smallest, was selected as the subject, and about his slender neck a strap was fastened. Climbing on top of a coal house the strap was made fast to a limb of a nearby tree, and Gerard was "let down." The playmates became frightened and ran to the house, where they informed their grandmother of what they had done.

When taken down the boy was blue in the face, every muscle was rigid and he was unconscious. After four physicians had worked with him for two hours the little fellow regained consciousness and it was announced that he had an even chance for recovery.

Parents should not let their children freely patronize places where the pictures are of a harmful and demoralizing nature. Children do not need that kind of an education.

### AGAINST PROFANITY.

The "hello girls" of Omaha, Nebraska, have been recognized for their veracity by the city government, which has passed an ordinance forbidding swearing by telephone; and the law provides that the mere statement to the hello girl that she heard the naughty words shall be taken as proof positive of the guilt of the accused; and a heavy fine will be imposed in connection. The Nebraskaan cannot indulge in language hotter than "Boo-hoo!" now, and escape the penalty of the law.

The Wisconsin legislature recently passed a law prohibiting profanity in the state, as Nebraska has done, but Governor Davidson vetoed the bill, on the ground that it is in contravention of personal liberty and that people cannot be made righteous by legislation.

How dangerous a sojourn in Nebraska would be to many of our citizens; and how inviting Wisconsin must seem to them.

Since Mrs. Taft's condition has required the president to cancel his Alaska trip, let us hope that nothing will happen to prevent him from coming to Norwich in July.

The Ancients and Honorables of Boston have just celebrated their 271st birthday. They were in the bloom of youth when Norwich was founded.

The stock market is acting as if it realized that the lambs to be fleeced are really increasing.

## NOT INANE.

The assaults upon Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy are constant and persistent, and it is doubtful if any person of the present age is so generously misrepresented by enemies. Mrs. D. M. Gilbert of Brooklyn, having referred to her as "either dead or a helpless, mindless puppet in the hands of conscious men," she has delivered herself of the following letter, which shows that she has a mind capable of making a statement which completely disproves what has recently been said of her.

"Chester Hill, Mass., June 7, 1909.

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## THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

### LITTLE RED HEELS.

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## Good for Speaker Banks.

As speaker, Judge Banks has made good. It seems to be the opinion of the members of the general assembly, regardless of party or of the fact of his former opposition, or support of his candidacy, that Judge Banks has proved to be one of the very best speakers Connecticut has had in years. He has shown himself an expert parliamentarian, is absolutely fair in his treatment of men and measures and is personally very popular with all the members. Judge Banks especially showed his skill as a parliamentarian week before last when the general assembly was in session and down. His fairness was the subject of comment by those who favored and opposed the measure. Now he has appointed an able and representative special committee to bring in a new bill, as voted by the house—Litchfield Enquirer.

Willing to Be Again.  
Now that the democrats have abandoned and disavowed free trade, according to their spokesmen in the senate, they would seem to have nothing left—except, of course, Bryan, who has been left three times—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Uncle Joe and His Leisure.  
Speaker Cannon is understood to be spending his abundant spare time making up the house committees, so as to fill the route of the "Inauguration" and the democratic leader with as much anguish as possible—Springfield Republican.

Nobel Prize, and Then Some.  
If President Taft can do for Germany and Great Britain what President Roosevelt did for Russia and Japan, it will give him the freedom of all the halls of fame in the civilized world—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

One Thing Lacking.  
Georgia claims to have a negro who is 121 years old, but we don't believe it is authentic. He doesn't claim to have ever been Washington's body servant—Chicago Record-Herald.

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"I love you," he repeated softly, and Polly discovered that she liked the words and also the strong arms that held her so closely. Then she felt something hard against her cheek, mischief shone in her eyes. Slyly she reached up and pulled the little red heels. John answered with rueful humility, and claimed the roseleaf lips so near.

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